

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second complete paragraph on page 5 of the original specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

— Examples of the ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound having the structural formula (I) include ~~methyl-bis (5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) methyl methyl phosphonic acid ester P-oxide, methyl- bis(5-ethyl-2-methyl- 1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) phosphonic acid ester P, P'-dioxide~~ methyl-bis (5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan-5yl) methyl methyl phosphonic acid ester P-oxide or methyl- bis(5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan-5yl) phosphonic acid ester P, P'-dioxide . —